

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An ellipsoidal polarizing plate comprises two opti-
cally anisotropic layers, a polarizing membrane and a
transparent protective film. One of the optically aniso-
tropic layers has an angle of 5° to 85° between the direc-
tion giving the maximum refractive index and the layer
plane. The other is optically positive and uniaxial, and
has an angle of 0° to 5° between the direction giving the
10 maximum refractive index and the layer plane.

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